



Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission
Office of the Stewards

Stewards Report – 2019 Post Racing Season Delaware Park November 11, 2019 thru November 15, 2019

Monday:

Exploring current racing news facing our industry. Familiarizing recent proposed rules in the Mid-Atlantic and Florida.

Reviewed data relative to the Vazquez/Secor hearing on Tuesday, November 19th. Trying to ascertain the Stewards' role, questioning and authority? Rule review of those that apply, to yield a fair and productive result. DTRC Rule **2.6 Permit Application for Participants in Racing, 2.6.2** All owners and trainers shall carry workmen's compensation insurance covering all their employees. This paragraph is intended to include all individual's employed by Owners and Trainers in the training and racing of horses.

DelPark Condition Book: Eligibility – The following horses will not be eligible to STABLE or RACE at Delaware Park: (3.) Without proof or Confirmation of Workmen's Compensation and General Liability.

Contacted DTI to reset the computer settings changed over the weekend. Issue resolved.

Emailed AG, Oliver Cleary for clarification.

Tuesday

Secured a stall application for language relative to "Liability Insurance". Plainly stated, the requirement for both workmen's compensation and general liability are outlined on the first page of the application.

General Liability is a Delaware Park House rule and DTRC attempts to enforce those when applicable.

Received a telephone call from Juan Vazquez regarding the hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. He was informed to contact Security for notification of the required hearing due to his eviction status.

Received a return call from Oliver Cleary on the Vazquez/Secor hearing. Will call back after the issue is researched for standing.



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Composed a preliminary list of questions for the Pecoraro/Neilson hearing. Researched invoices, dates and times of treatment, etc.

Wednesday:

Reading of trade articles regarding equine safety, penalties and adjudication in in other jurisdictions. ARCI rule considerations for adoption, etc. Review of our rule book for comparison.

Review of the Pecoraro/Neilson paperwork presented in the case file. Researched the second (2nd) horse owned by East Coast Partners, stabled at Alpha Omega Farm w/ Glencairn. Pulled the chart for this horse's last out November 3, 2019 @ Aqueduct. Finished 10th by 25.75 lengths in a 40,000 Maiden Claiming. Similar regimen on this individual @ Alpha Omega Farm as Glencairn. Trainer of record is Gary Gullo, previous trainer of Glencairn prior to Pecoraro.

Waited on a telephone call from Oliver Cleary to follow-up on the Vazquez-Secor hearing. Spoke with Mr. Cleary and was cautioned to proceed carefully. Both parties not currently licensed, risk overturn on appeal dependent upon finding and/or penalty.

Powell hearing status is unknown this date, due to a change in legal counsel. Awaiting update.

Thursday:

Read the email notification of a change in legal representation for Scott Powell from Gary Katz to Alan Pincus.

Email review, reading trade publications and articles relative to news affecting the industry.

Meeting with John F. Wayne about ongoing appeals and upcoming Stewards' hearing(s).

Rulebook review 3.4, 3.4.1.4 specifically, Vazquez/Secor hearing.

Friday:

Issued a ruling for an unlicensed racing participant that contributed to the death of Indy's Quick Image on Delaware Park property on 10/13/19 after racing at Parx on 10/12/19.

Notified Steward Jonathan Gerweck @ Parx Racing of a ruling for Leonel Garcia Sr. Faxed the final ruling, incident documentation and supporting record of suspected "program trainer" John Volpe for their use. Mr. Gerweck will forward to their Investigator.

Spoke with Owner Lucerito Garcia and notified telephonically and via email, a hearing for appearance in the Stewards office on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @1:00 PM. Ms. Garcia called back and requested to appear telephonically. Permission granted due to the short time frame for notice.



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Fritz Burkhardt received a call from JFW relative to information for the Powell hearing. I contacted Deputy AG Oliver Cleary to remind him of my email of October 19, 2019 to request records. He found the email referenced, and has emailed the trainer, a request for those records this date. I relayed the conversation with Mr. Cleary to Fritz Burkhardt for notification to Mr. Wayne. I've spoken to the trainer about the request from Oliver Cleary. He received the email request and confirmed his intention to provide the USPS Delivery Digest.

Jean Chalk called two (2) owners this morning that have failed to comply with licensing requirements. Both were counseled to fulfill that requirement by Wednesday, November 20, 2019 or risk suspension of DTRC occupational license(s).

Rulebook review of those rules that may provide support in the three (3) hearings upcoming on Monday and Tuesday.

Fritz contacted "Zipp", the van driver that hauled Indy's Quick Image for clarification of whom was told to call a veterinarian? Notification was to Trainer, Lawrence Martin "to inform Delaware Park Security".

Signed a ruling for Joseph Arboritanza.

Received a call from Oliver Cleary about a possible settlement offer in the April Fano appeal. We agreed without objection. Notified Exec. Director Wayne of our decision.

Tony Langford
DTRC State Steward